

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all listings of claims:

1-58. (Canceled)

59. (NEW) A method of tinting a masonry surface, comprising:

applying a slurry to a masonry surface comprising a clay brick, wherein said slurry comprising an aqueous suspension of water, clay, sand, flux, and no colorants or oxides;

firing said slurry and said clay brick, thereby bonding said slurry to said clay brick, wherein a flux level is selected to prevent the slurry from glassing; and

applying a tinting composition to said masonry surface after said firing, such that said tinting composition colours said masonry surface.

60. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said clay comprises kaolin or a ball clay.

61. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said flux is selected from the group consisting of glass cullet, feldspar powder, clay suspension sources, potassium carbonates, and sodium carbonates.

62. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said flux comprises glass cullet or potassium carbonates.

63. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, wherein adding sand to the slurry increases pore volume of an external surface of the clay brick.

64. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, comprising adding sand to the slurry after the slurry is applied to an exposed surface of the clay brick.

65. (NEW) A method according to Claim 64, wherein said adding comprises spraying an application of fine dried sand.

66. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, comprising incorporating sand into the slurry as it de-waters on a brick column during an extrusion process.

67. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, wherein said slurry further comprises a surfactant.

68. (NEW) A method according to Claim 59, comprising applying a full and even coverage of slurry to external surfaces of said clay brick.

69. (NEW) A method of tinting a masonry surface, comprising:
applying a slurry to a masonry surface comprising a clay brick, wherein said slurry comprising an aqueous suspension of water, clay, flux, and no colorants or oxides;
spraying sand into the slurry as it de-waters;
firing said slurry and said clay brick, thereby bonding said slurry to said clay brick; and
applying a tinting composition to said masonry surface after said firing, such that said tinting composition colours said masonry surface.

70. (NEW) A method of producing a reactive surface on a clay brick, comprising:
applying a slurry to a masonry surface comprising a clay brick, wherein said slurry comprising an aqueous suspension of water, clay, sand, flux, and no colorants or oxides; and
firing said slurry and said clay brick, thereby bonding said slurry to said clay brick, wherein a flux level is selected to prevent the slurry from glassing.